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1. VV-Inspekteur Richard Stainer, son-in-law of DDR President Wilhelm Pieck, has been named a Reichsbahn director in charge of "Kernangelegenheiten".\* He is not responsible to Director-General Kramer, but is directly subordinate to the Minister of Transport, Reingruber.
2. For the past two months the transportation police have had instructions to implement strict passenger train control in an attempt to prevent smuggling of goods and currency out of the DDR.
3. Laying of the second track on the line between Cottbus and Forst is proceeding. Plans are also being made to extend by 1400m the double-tracking of this east-west line to Halle.
4. The 18 km. rail stretch between Hanzow and Beetzendorf and the 20 km. stretch of narrow gauge rail between Loburg and Gommern have been dismantled.
5. Bridge sections from the Elbe bridges in the area of RED Halle have been removed to points along the Berlin outer freight ring and to the important new junction system at Berlin-Grünau. Sections have been taken from where they can be spared, as, for example, from abandoned lines and from former double track bridges which support only a single track line.
6. The LUMA works is currently engaged in converting Model 17 locomotives into coal dust burners. The conversion has not been completely successful, and only about one-third of the converted Model 17 engines is in operating condition at any one time.
7. Throughout the area of Berlin, light rail is being removed where possible and exchanged for heavy rail in use on some lines in the area of RED Cottbus. The much-needed heavier rail is being laid on stretches along the Berlin outer freight ring. This has been a very costly undertaking in terms of labor, since the labor involved in laying old rail is approximately double that required to lay new track.
8. The manual signal system installed on the Berlin outer freight ring is frequently out of order. Lacking mainly is the high tensile strength steel wire required for mechanical operation of ~~document~~ ~~Notches and switches~~

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